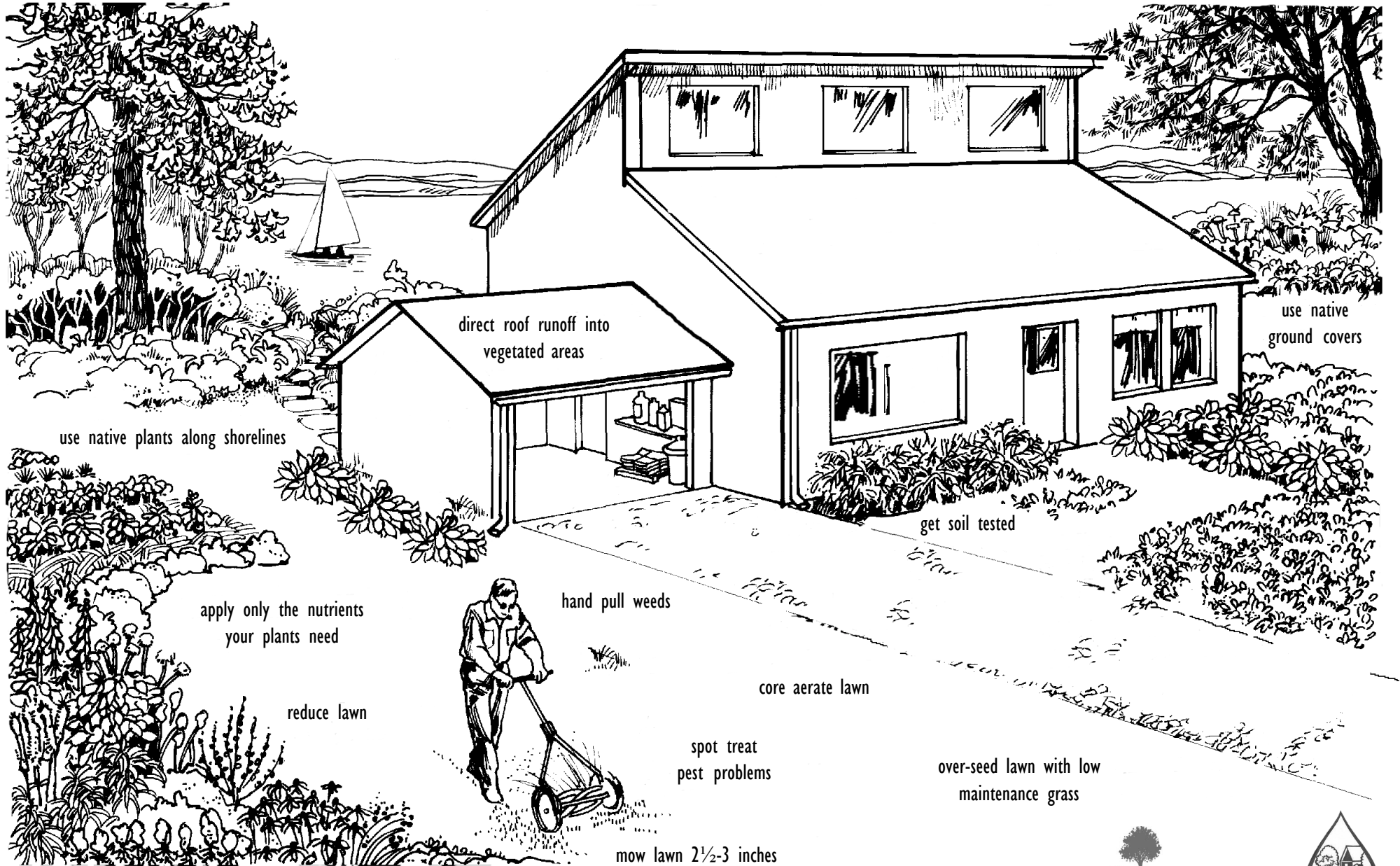


Healthy Maine Landscapes - GO NATIVE!



LAWNS

- ✕ Start with a proper **FOUNDATION**: grass species, soils, sunlight, drainage.
- ✕ Get a **SOIL TEST** to decide what nutrients your lawn needs.
- ✕ **WATER** deeply, infrequently & during the early morning hours.
- ✕ **MOW** frequently to a 2½-3 inch height. Leave clippings & keep mower blade sharp.
- ✕ Control **THATCH** & reduce soil **COMPACTION** by core aerating your lawn.
- ✕ **MEASURE** your lawn. Calibrate spreader to apply the correct amount of lime & fertilizer.
- ✕ Monitor, identify & evaluate **PESTS**. A few weeds or insects are inevitable and have little effect on the lawn.
- ✕ Use **PESTICIDES** only as a last resort. Spot treat pest problems.

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- find out how you can improve and protect Casco Bay



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TIPS for a healthier landscape

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LAKES

- ✕ Plant **NATIVE** trees, shrubs, ground cover to create “buffers” (natural filters) along shorelines & downhill of stormwater runoff.
- ✕ Do not rake up the “DUFF” - nature’s mulch (twigs, pine needles & leaves that fall between the plants in the buffer).
- ✕ **STABILIZE** ditches along road, driveway & parking area with vegetation and if necessary rock.
- ✕ Minimize **IMPERVIOUS** surfaces such as pavement, patios, decks, roofs, compacted gravel & compacted lawns. Direct all runoff from impervious areas to a buffer.
- ✕ Maintain your **SEPTIC SYSTEM** by pumping every 3-5 years, keep woody plants from growing in leach field & avoid overloading the septic system.
- ✕ Plant or mulch any areas that have **BARE SOIL**.
- ✕ Design winding **PATHWAYS** that divert runoff into a buffer.



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